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America's Worst Enemy

Immorality Levels Nation

"Woe is me! for I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." - Isaiah
Ancient Israel was destroyed, not by the armies of the Assyrian, but by its own internal rot. Judah fell, not to Babylon, but from its own internal wickedness. Rome was toppled, not by the Vandals and Visigoths, but by its own internal moral decay.

The outright lies (not "evasive explanations" as the Deseret News el-�emistically terms them) that have emerged from Washington recently are a far greater revelation of the hollowness of our own moral defense and witness to survive, than can be discovered by any U2 flight or other CIA activity.

America cannot ease the world's tensions, by creating more, she cannot excuse her own dishonest actions by pointing to the dishonesty of others. She cannot make herself "white" by calling Russia "black," however black Russia may be. She cannot "achieve a world of peace" by rattling the drums of war. She cannot lessen a "world of distrust" by lies.

The seeds of America's destruction are to be found within her own borders and in her own actions, and nowhere else. The only thing to be observed behind the Iron Curtain are the weapons they are building for their own destruction.

"For heathen heart that puts her

In ringing tube and iron shard,
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And, warding, calls no tears to

tear.

For idle boast and foolish words,
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord!"

—Kipling

Daniel P. Atwood